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(iv) electrochemical energy such that said agent is reduced to form an oxidant and said chemical moiety is not reduced by said electrochemical energy, thereby inducing said chemical moiety to electrochemiluminescence or to electrochemical energy such that said agent is oxidized to form a reductant and said moiety is not oxidized by said electrochemical energy, thereby inducing said chemical moiety to electrochemiluminescence; and

(c) means for detecting emitted luminescence to determine the presence of the chemical moiety.--

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted with a Request for Filing a Divisional Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/891,337, filed July 10, 1997, now allowed.

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Amendment and Request for Filing a Divisional Under 37 C.F.R. §1.53, claims 1-20 have been cancelled, without prejudice, and new claims 21-23 have been added. Claims 21-23 were originally presented during the prosecution of the parent application, but were restricted from prosecution due to a restriction

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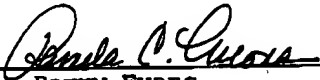
requirement. Support for claims 21-23 can be found in the subject specification, inter alia, at page 26-28.

Therefore, the foregoing claim amendments do not introduce new matter and claims 21-23 are pending and at issue.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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